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Hongkong, January 4, 1878.

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Hongkong, January 3, 1878.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE. TR. HORATIO GAY JAMES admitted a Partner in our Firm on the 1st January, 1878.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co. Hongkong, January 5, 1878. NOTICE.

THE Business hitherto conducted in my name will from This Date be Carried on under the Style of GROSSMANN & Co., Mr G. A. GROSSMANN having become a Partner therein. C. F. GROSSMANN.

Hongkong, January 1, 1878. NOTIOE. TATR. BERNHARD SCHMACKER

IVI authorized to Sign our Firm by procuration. CARLOWITZ & Co.

Canton, Hongkong, Shanghai, January 1, 1878. NOTICE. AR. H. F. MEYERINK has been

NI admitted a Partner in our Firm from This Date. MEYER & Co. Hongkong, January 1, 1878 NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Ma JOSEPH PERROTT BARNES in our Firm in China CEASES from This Date. HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co. Hongkong, December 31, 1877.

NOTICE. TR. CHARLES DAVID BOTTOMLEY was admitted a PARTNER in our

Firm on the 1st July, 1877. DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, September 22, 1877. NOTIOE.

HAVE This Day established myself at this Port as a MERCHANT and COM-MISSION AGENT, under the Style or Firm of GEO. R. STEVENS & Co., who will henceforward conduct the Agency of the Australian Steam Navigation the 25th day of January Instant, both days COMPANY, G. R. STEVENS.

Hongkong, December 29, 1877. NOTICE. HAVE This Day Established myself

at this Port as a GENERAL COM-VISSION AGENT. J. Y. VERNON SHAW.

Hongkong, November 1, 1877.

ROTION. T HAVE This Day Established myself a this Port, under the Style or Firm. WEST POINT IRON WORKS. ENGINEERS AND BOILERMAKERS

WILLIAM DUNPHY & Co. ate Manager of the Novelry Iron Works, Hongkong. WK, DUNPHY. Hongkong, December 10, 1877.

Intimations.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1878.

DARCELS EXPRESS AGENCY, in connection with Packages Received for WHEATLEY & Co., LONDON. transmission to Great Britain by each P. & O. Mail; Charges can be Collected either here or in England. The following particulars of Packages are required—Contents, Value, Address of Consignee, and whether Insurance be desired.

SPECIAL ORDER DEPARTMENT.—Orders Received and Promptly Executed, for Books, Scientific Instruments, and European Goods of any Description.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,

General Agents.

Hongkong, January 14, 1878.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

COMMENCING TO-DAY, the Macao Steamer will leave Hongkong at 2 p.m., and Macao at 8 a.m.

By Order. P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 14, 1878. CLARET in Cask, (Bandol), Superior | HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO

STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Twenty-third Ordinary Half-yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be Held at the Office of the Company, No. 50 A, Queen's Road,

on FRIDAY, the 25th January Instant, at 3 o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring Dividend and electing a Director and Auditors. By Order of the Board of Directors.

P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 2, 1878.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 25th day of January instant, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors,

P. A. DA COSTA. Secretary. Hongkong, January 2, 1878.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY. LIMITED.

THE Ordinary Half-yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Hotel on FRIDAY, the 25th January instant, at 4 o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the ja81 Directors together with a Statement of

> By Order of the Board of Directors, LOUIS HAUSCHILD, Secretary.

ja25 Hongkong, January 4, 1878.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to By Order of the Board of Directors,

LOUIS HAUSCHILD, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 4, 1878.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL. myl TIENDERS are invited for a LEASE of the HONGKONG HOTEL, the present Five-yearly Lease expiring on the Sist August, 1878. SEALED TENDERS to be sent in on or before the 31st March. 1878, to the Secretary of the Hongkons HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, who will supply any information required.

By Order of the Directors, LOUIS HAUSCHILD, Becretary.

Hongkong, September 18, 1877,

DENTAL NOTICE.

T.R. W. C. EASTLACK will Commence Practice in Hongkong, on the 20th Hongkong, January 15, 1878.

DENTAL NOTICE. TR. ROGERS begs to say that he has RETURNED, and is now ready to receive Patients. Hongkong, November 22, 1877.

NOTICE. DR. STOUT expects to Leave the Colony PERMANENTLY about the 20th of January, 1878. Hongkong, December 22, 1877.

NOTIOE. A MILLAR & Co., PLUMBERS, AND GAS FITTERS, Queen's Road East, HONGKONG.

September 15, 1877. AH YON, OOMPRADORE AND STEVEDORE.

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OFFICE OF THE YANGTSZE INSUR-ANCE ASSOCIATION.

SHANGHAI, January 7th, 1878. IN Accordance with a Resolution passed at the ANNUAL GENERAL MEET-ING of July 5th, 1877, the Directors have declared a Dividend to Shareholders of Taels 49,50 per Share for the fiscal Year ending the 30th September, 1877, and a further Dividend of Taels 10.50 per Share, being interest on Shareholders' Capital at the Rate of 12 per cent. per Annum, for

the quarter ending December, 1877. The above Dividends (Taels 60 per Share) will be Payable on the 15th Instant, at the Office of the Secretaries to Shareholders of record on the 10th Instant. The Transfer BOOKS of the Association

will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 15th Instant, inclusive. Persons collecting Dividends for absen Shareholders are requested to exhibit their Powers of Attorney for registry at this

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Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW The Steamship Captain M. Young, will be de-"TAIWAN," spatched for the above Ports on

THURSDAY, the 17th Instant, at Day-For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, January 14, 1878. FOR HOLHOW & HAIPHONG.

The Steamship Capt. F. Ashron, will be despatched for the above Ports, on THURSDAY, the 17th Instant, at Day-

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, January 14, 1877.

FOR MANILA. The Steamship "ESMERALDA" "ESMERALDA"
will be despatched for the

above Port on SATURDAY, the 19th Instant, at Noon. For Freight or Passage, apply to J. Y. V. SHAW,

Agent. Hongkong, January 15, 1878.

FOR YOKOHAMA & HIOGO. The Steamship "GALLEY OF LORNE" expected from SINGAPORE, will have immediate despatch as

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. Hongkong, January 10, 1878

Sailing Vessels.

FOR HAMBURG (DIRECT.) The A 1 German Bark "JURGEN," WENDY, Master, will load here and meet with quick despatch

as above.

For Freight, apply to SIEMSSEN & Co.

Hongkong, December 28, 1877. FUR NAGASAKI. The A 1 American Barkentine Nelson, Master, will load for above Port, and will hav

immediate despatch. For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, January 5, 1878. FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Barkentine "MARION," R. Howes, Master, will load here for the above Port, and

will have immediate despatch. For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, January 3, 1878.

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Bark "B. F. WATSON," HAWKINS, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

will have quick despatch.

Hongkong, January 3, 1878. FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The A1 British Clipper Ship "OILURNUM," Sungweever, Master, will load here for the above Fort, and

Vogel, hagedorn & Co.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, December 26, 1877.

FOR HAMBURG AND LONDON. The A 1 British Ship "ONEIDA," S. CLYMA, Master, baving 8/4ths of her Cargo engaged, will load here as above, and will be despatched on or about the Slat December.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, November 27, 1877.

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels. FOR HAMBURG.

The A 1 Clipper Barque "GOLDEN RUSSETT." RICHARDSON, Master, will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to WM. PUSTAU & Co.,

Hongkong, November 23, 1877.

FOR LONDON. The 100 A I British Ship H. BATH, Master, will load here and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co. Hongkong, January 7, 1878.

Notices to Consignees.

GERMAN STEAMER GALATEA. Böhme, Master, FROM HAMBURG. PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Steamer are hereby informed, that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Undersigned, from whence delivery may be ob-

Consignees wishing to take delivery of their Goods from the Boats alongside the Wharf are at liberty to do so. Goods remaining in store after the 17th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless written notice to the contrary is given until To-morrow, the 11th Inst., at 11 a.m. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

Agents. Hongkong, January 10, 1878.

WM. PUSTAU & Co.,

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S. MONGOLIA.

MONSIGNEES of Cargo by the abovenamed Vessel, from Bombay and Inter-mediate Ports, and in connection with the Steamers PESHAWUR from London, and HINDOSTAN from Calcutta, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Company's Godowns, at West Point, whence delivery can be obtained from this date.

Goods not delivered by the 22nd Instant will be subject to rent. ADAM LIND. Superintendent.

Hongkong, January 15, 1878. FROM LONDON AND PORTS OF

THE S. S. Cyphrenes having arrived. Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk and stored in the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained. Cargo remaining undelivered after the 21st Instant will be subject to rent. Optional Cargo will be sent on to Shanghai, unless notice to the contrary is

given by 4 p.m. To-day. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents, S. S. Cyphrenes.

Hongkong, January 14, 1878.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Norwegian Bark VEGA, NORDTVEDT, Master, from HAMBURG, are requested to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside the Vessel.

Oargo impeding the discharge will be landed and stored at Consignees risk and Bills of Lading will be countersigned by WM. PUSTAU & Co.

Hongkong, January 8, 1878. COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

S. S. SINDH.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo Der B. B. Indus, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their wisk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing. Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Con-

signess, before To-MORROW, the 10th Inst., at Noon, requesting it to be landed here. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after WED. NEEDAY, the 16th January, 1878, at Noon,

will be subject to rent and landing charges. No Fire Insurance has been effected. H. DV POURY,

Hongkong, January 9, 1878.

Agent.

Intimations.

AFONG, PHOTOGRAPHER,

by appointment, to H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY, GOVERNOR OF HONGKONG;

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TWONG HING CHEUNG & Co... COAL MERCHANTS,

Have always on hand for Sale every description of COAL at Moderate Prices. Mr Anyon has been appointed Manager, and all Orders addressed to him at 57, Praya, or to Mr FAT JACK, at 30, Hing Lung Street, will receive immediate atten-

Hongkong, March 19, 1877.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR HAIPHONG (DIRECT.)

The Steamship "HOLYROOD." J. PETERS, Master, will be despatched for the above Port on FRIDAY, the 18th Instant, at 5 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSSEN & Co.

Hongkong, January 16, 1878.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Meither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:-

FORMOSA, German 8-m. schooner, Capt. Schweer. - Melchers & Co. Annie S. Hall, American barque, Capt. 11 A.M. Registry of Letters ceases.

Chas. H. Nelson. -- Captain. BIRRER, British ship, Captain W. Reynolds. -- Order.

GLENFRUIN, British barque, Capt. Laug. Chiness. VESTA, German barque, Capt. R. Dirks.

-Melchers & Co. R. C. RICKMERS, German ship, Captain R. O. Stolt.-Wm. Pustau & Co.

PHARTON, British barque, Captain H. D. W. Bohul. - Wieler & Co. ADELINA & MARIANNE, German barque,

Captain C. N. Dahl .- Wm. Pustau & Co. WARRIOR, British barque, Capt. William Baumann.-Wieler & Co. QUICKSTEP, American barque, Captain

Barnaby.-Captain. TARTAR, German brig, Captain Kaemena. -Melchers & Co.

MARCIA, British steamer, Capt. J. H. Broker.-Siemssen & Co. VELOCITY, British barque, Captain R.

Martin. - Wm. Pustau & Co. ABERNYTE, British barque, Captain Letters Congours.—Order.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Congours, Liverpool July 13, Coal .-Jan. 16, G. H. Wuppuus, German ship,

from Whampoa. Jan. 16, Antipodes, British barque, from Whampoa.

DEPARTURES.

Jan. 16, Christine, for Whampon. 16, Tching Tsing, Ohl. g.b., for a 16, Bombay, for Yokohama.

16, Cuphrenes, for Shanghai. OLEARED.

Alexandria, for Cheloo. R. C. Rickmers, for Diamond Island. Birker, for Manila. Taiwan, for Coast Ports. Washi, for Haiphong, Cassandru, for Saigon. Samar, for Whampoa. 85. Andresse, for San Francisco.

Sophie D., for Itolio. PASSENGERS. DEPARTED.

Per Bombay, for Yokohama, Mrs Wood and infant, Messrs P. Howard, Lim Poh and Sing Koye.

To DEPART.

Per Geelong, from Shanghai! for Southampton, Mr W. A. Paynter. From Yokohama i for Southampton, Mrs Hartley, 8 children and nat, female servant, and Mrs FRIDAY, January 18:-Enslie; for Brindisi, Mr A. C. Mackey. From Hongkong; for Suez, Mr C. L. Phillips ; for Southampton, Mr H. Roper ; for Madras 8 gun lascard. Per Taiwan, for Coast Ports, 200 Chi-

Per Washi, for Holhow, 2 Europeans, and 60 Chinese.

BHIPPING REPORTS.

CARGO. Per S. S. Geelong, for London, 8.626 boxes, 101 half-chests and 280 pkgs. Tea, 209 bales Raw Silk. 85 bales Waste Silk. 29 cases Silk Piece Goods, and 156 plags. Sundries; for Continent, 147 bales Raw Bilk, 8 cases Silk Piece Goods, 125 bales Coccons, 8 bales Waste Silk, and 33 pkgs. Sundries ; for Boston, 472 boxes, 208 half-Phoets and 21 piegs. Too.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS. MAILS will close:-

For HOIHOW AND HAIPHONG, with Mails for Pakhol and Hanol. Per Albay, at 8.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 17th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For MANILA.-Per ship Birker, at 4 p.m. To-morrow, the 17th inst.

For HAIPHONG AND HANOI .-Per Zamboanga, at 4.80 p.m., on Thursday, the 17th inst. For SWATOW .-

Per Norna, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 17th inst. For HAIPHONG & HANOI,-Per Washi, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the

17th inet., instead of as previously notified. Per Holyrood, at 4.30 p.m., on Friday,

the 18th inst. For MANILA.-Per Esmeralda, at 4 p.m., on Saturday,

the 19th inst.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET .-The English Contract Packet GEELONG will be despatched with the Mails for Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c. Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the

17th Instant. The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c. :-Wednesday, 16th Instant .-

5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. 6 P.M., Post Office closes except the Nicht Box, which remains open all night. Thursday, 17th Instant,-7 A.M., Post Office opens for sale

of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence. 10 A.M., Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.

LATE FRE of 18 cents extra Postage till 11 A.M., when the Post Office Croses (11.30 A.M., Letters (but Letters only)

addressed to the United Kingdom Via Brindisi, or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage, 11.50 A.M., when the Mail is finally

Honghong, January 7, 1878.

The United States Mail Packet City of Peking will be despatched on SATUR-DAY, the 19th instant, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows :---

11.30 A.M. Post-Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies Granada, Paraguay, and Uruguay can no longer be sent by this route. Hongkong, January 12, 1878.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET .-

scilles; to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Australia, New Zeaspondence to E. Africa, the Cape, St. Helena, and Ascension.

may also be forwarded to INDIA unpaid.

Jan. 16, Abernyte, British barque, 728, The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, do. :--Wednesday, 23rd Inst .--

5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the Night Box. which remains open all night. Thursday, 24th Inst.—

7 A.M., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence. 10 A.M., Registry of Letters ceases.

11 A.M., Post Office closes except for Late

entirely. Hongkong, January 10, 1878.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping. Daylight. - Taiwan leaves for Coast Ports. Daylight .- Albay leaves for Hollow, &c.

Goods per Galatea undelivered after this date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

5 p.m. - Holyrood leaves for Haiphong. SATURDAY, January 19:-

hams and San Francisco. Noop.—Esmeralda leaves for Manils. Monday, January 21:--Goods per Cyphrenes undelivered after

this date applied to rent. Tuesday, January 22:-Goods per Mongolia undelivered after this date subject to rent.

FRIDAY, January 25 :-g p.m. Meeting of Shareholders of the H., C. & M. Steamboat Co., Limited,

kong Hotel. FRIDAY, February 1:-

Francisco.

Volume REVIEW."

Now Ready.

No. III.-Vol. VI.

-OF THE-

Imperial Confucianism. A Visit to the Country of Gentlemen. The Rhymes of the Shi-king. Brief Sketches from the Life of Kinng-ming. The Tang Kou Chl.

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China Mail Office, Hongkong, January 14, 1878.

The Desert of Gobi.

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THE last but probably, to Hongkong (except the Bahamas and Hayti), Costa | readers, the most interesting report in Rica, Honduras, Monte Video, New the bulky volume of trade reports just issued by order of the Inspector General a human being can resort to, requiring no the report as the most interesting one The coolie guild, as we call it, admits, The French Contract Packet TIGRE will to Hongkong readers, because this I am told, all comers who can pay an be despatched from Hongkong on Colony will no doubt be chiefly con- entrance fee of \$13. The monopoly THURSDAY, the 24th Inst. with | cerned in the development of the trade | sanctioned officially in an indirect way, and Malls to and through the United of the Island, and so very little has in return the services of the coolies are liable Kingdom and Europe, vid Mar- been made known up to the present to be requisitioned to do government work moment either in regard to what has unpaid. actually been done in the way of trade chelles, Réunion, Mauritius, Suez, there since the port was opened to to the Europeans stationed there, and and Alexandria. This is the best foreigners, or the commercial prospects the inhabitants-with the exception of opportunity for forwarding Corre- of the place. As the place was only those of one village, whose avocation as opened on the 1st April in 1876, Mr junkmen was to some extent encroached far as Ceylon. The postage to year. The Acting Commissioner deals with great civility. The women are the Ceylon must be prepaid. Such let- in the first place with the question of principal labourers everywhere, and Mr ters should be marked Paid to Galle | the accessibility of the harbour, and it | McKean mentions that they are possessed

Mr McKean says on the point:-

occasioned by a very strong current. From on the whole. the east, however, it would be still premature to say that access is easy for all kinds of and well defined, exists, and that the conti- effect on the share market here, especially give security that the men would be free who should be able at all events to 11.10 A.M., Letters (but Letters only) were believed to block up the entrance of Mediterranean Squadron had been except those to and through Australia, the Hainan Straits on the east do not dered to rendezvous at the Levant. to Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, exist, and that there is at times a terrific current, is undoubted, but yessels have gone 11.80 a.M., when the Post Office CLOSES straight out to sea from Hainan Head undue risks. There exists, some five miles to the north of the Taya Islands, which are, round-about it is true, but safe and spacious, tion of shipmasters.

sign estimated to have been exported in of the Balkans.

Sixth of the junks. A local official had estimated the annual export of sugar from the opposite peninsula of Leichow at 140,000 piculs in a good season, and Mr McKean thinks that in time all the sugar, not only of the opposite peninsula but of the outports of the island will leave Hoihow in steamers to the detriment of the junk trade. Besides sugar there is a very extensive cultivation of ground-nuts, with the consequent manufacture of ground-nut cake, and ground-nut oil. The island also produces large quantities of betel-nuts, sesamum seed, lung-ngans, and hemp. The value of the entire export trade, as done by foreign vessels, is Erzeroum.

estimated at Tls. 316,498. The only foreign firm established at Heihow in 1876 was that of Mr E. Herton, a British subject. The Chinese merchants, by whom almost all the trade was done, were organised as a body into a kind of Chamber of Commerce, and met in a large building to settle market prices. In regard to the boat people, and the coolies, Mr McKean makes the following interesting observations. THE BOAT PEOPLE.—The boats here, than

which it would be hard to find vessels better suited to ply between the town and the anchorage, number about 140, and are roughly divisible into three classes, those of about 110 piculs, those of about 60 piculs and those of about 35 piculs burden respectively. They are extremely strongly built, are flat-bottomed, and have each a moveable centreboard, capable of being lowered two feet below the bottom of the boat, which not only enables them to tack to perfection in deep water, but by being let down, acts as an anchor in shoal water.

There is a boat guild, as we call it; it is rather an organization for mutual defence than a combination to force a tariff. I am told that all comers from certain large | we presume means Bishop Ralmondi. villages at the eastern end of the Hoihow creek, but no others, have the right to ply this vocation. For the monopoly thus guaranteed the boats can be used for government

work without remuneration. The organization has a staff of officers, so to speak, two head boatmen and an accountant. The head boatmen go about to the various hongs to ascertain what employment there is. They exercise a disciplinary influence and wield a power of a certain kind, since an appeal made to them will most likely result in the stoppage of the misbehaviour complained of. So far as I can learn there is perfect free trade within the organization. A boat gets what it bargains for and can take as little as it feels inclined to; but the head boatmen get fees on the carriage of certain goods, and 3 cash a bag on all angar carried is paid into a fund for the benefit of the decrepid. There are also. I have been told, six shrines in the boatmen's villages which have to be kept going out of common funds, besides theatrical performances at stated periods; and other similar

semi-religious celebrations. Coolies, These people, who carry cargo and baggage from boats to hongs and from hongs to boats, number about 170, and are, like the boat people, organized. What one would suppose to be the commonest vocation of Customs, is that of Mr Edward greater preparedness than a carrying pole McKean, the Acting Commissioner of and the strength and trifling skill to wield Customs at Hoihow. We have described it, is yet at this port a calling not to be

The climate had so far proved healthy McKean's report only extends over a upon and imperilled by the foreign period of nine months, to the end of the steamers-had on the whole behaved only; they will go on from Galle as is satisfactory to learn that the notions with a ridiculous fear of foreigners, the prevailing at the opening of the port as sight of whom often starts a whole to the risks of entering the harbour were | company to flight to the abandonment of in the main incorrect. This is what bag and baggage. With the exception of mutton, all kinds of meat are abundant. There is no danger or difficulty in entering good and cheap. The report will, we the port from the west, beyond what may be think, be regarded as a satisfactory one they were to give a promissory note for becoming to an institution similar to the

THE recent telegrams from Europe are nuous lines of sandbanks which for so long | the one stating that the whole of the may be posted on payment of a generally exist. That some sandbanks would seem from late mail advices that several vessels of the Squadron assemwithout crossing shoals, and have made for to proceed to Malta and elsewhere to interview with the Governor, when over, written on shabby paper which no ja24 | the same place in coming to the port without | winter, and, if we interpret the telegram incurring what the captains believed to be | rightly, it simply means that, in view of the passage of the Balkans by the Russians, the British Government deem i I understand, very conspicuous, a channel, desirable to have the whole of the fleet once more in the Levant to lend incan be. I am incompetent to describe its fluence to British interests at Constan- vessel to proceed on the security pro- supposed to have been written by 80 Chinese bearings, but I trust that in due time a timople, stand guard over that city, or posed. His Excellency said his object was passengers who had gone in a vessel before. Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports chart of it, published in detail and by aus presence the occurrence the same as that of the Committee, in But whatever may be the Chinese opinion of Call and Europe.

Of Call and Europe. The Washi and the Eastern Isles seem dan population at the various Levantine badly used in foreign lands, and if the ther the allegations in the letters are true to have been the only vessels that called ports. The Levant is rather a vague Committee were satisfied that the men or not, and this those who balloted to-day at the port until the end of June, but rendervous, as it includes the sea coast would not be ill-used and made a report seem to have lost sight of, as no one preafter that month other and larger from the Dardanelles to Port Said. steamers made their way thither. Alto- What share a British fleet would be able gether during the nine months there or be permitted to take in the defence entered and cleared 85 steamships of of Constantinople is not very easy to Noun, -American Mail leaves for Yoko- 18,883 tons total capacity. The most conjecture, and remains to be demonvaluable item in the import trade was strated. The telegram we publish to-day opium, of which 521 plouls were im- stating that two of the Indian troop-ships | they received were genuino or not, and ported. This commodity pays a total passing Malta are ordered to remain taxation of Tis 55 a picul, the whole at that port is even more significant. being levied as soon as the opium is It at least shows that the British landed. There is no transit duty. The Government entertains some apprehenvalue of the opinion imported in estimate sion that it may become quickly involved ed at Tle. 195,280; that of other foreign in a struggle with Russia not many lenuy replied that that would also be a imports, chiefly cotton goods, at Tis hundreds of miles away from Constanti-108,086; and that of the native imports nople, unless indeed the protection of the at Tis. 64,495, making a total valuation Sues Canal is the object in view. We 4 p.m.-Meeting . I Shareholders . I the of Tla. 368,861. The staple of the ex- are however little inclined to believe H. K. Hotel Co., Limited, at Hong. port trade is sugar, the quantity ex- England will become involved in should it be. His Excellency replied that ported in foreign vessels during the nine the war. Kesanlik, where a Turkish he would leave that to the Committee, but months having sinculated to 93,141 Minister has just gone to arrange at it was most important that they should an online the monage at the state of the st Br.m.—Cooldental & Oriental S. S. Co. a picula, nearly the whole of which came armistice, is a town at the entrance to give an opinion as to the character of the pradore at the Home. The defendant said Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San to Hongkong. About 60,000 piouls are the Schipka Pass on the Roumelian side

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS. [SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL."]

(By Southern Route.) THE WAR.

London, 18th Jan., 1878. The whole of the Mediterraneau Squadron has been ordered to rendezvous at the

A strong feeling of irritation against England exists at Constantinople among the Mussulman population.

The Russians have completely invested

London, 14th Jan., 1878. The troops going homeward in the Indian troop-ship Jumna, and these coming outward in the Euphrates have been detained at

Servier Namyk has started for Kesanlik o treat about the armistice:

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE gunboats Fly and Swinger went out to the Harbour this afternoon.

WE have to acknowledge receipt of pamphlet entitled, "Dates and Events connected with the History of Education in Hongkong. Hongkong: Printed at St. Lewis Reformatory, 1877." The sketch covers the ground of twenty years, from 1857 to 1877. It is signed "J. T.," which

THE "CHARTER OAK" AFFAIR. A Kyfong meeting took place to-day in the Tung Wah Hospital in reference to this matter. There were present about 100 Chinese of all classes, consisting of some of the present Committee, ex-Committee, and members of the Hospital, and many of the | the men to give a promissory note here Kyfong (the Chinese community generally), for the \$45 passage money, payable in besides 30 or 40 intending passengers by instalments within six months after arrival: the Charter Oak. The charterer Lum Ping | if the men should not be able to find and his agents the Shang Wo Tai Hong, employment the limit of six months should were also present.

would be read and would speak for plied with. themselves. Meantime rumours were no passage whatever, the \$8 being only to their wages at Honolulu. pay for their food on board. At the meeting last Sunday, the charterer's agent came open to suspicion, and having seen them, forward and explained that \$35 was the | we still adhere to that opinion. Two of amount of the passage money he charged, them are supposed to have been sent by so that so far as he was concerned, the men the Low Yil Tong at Ronolulu, but they who paid \$35 were free passengers who bear no signature nor seal, and are writpaid their own passage; as to the \$8 men, ten in a rather illiterate style, quite un-\$45, payable in six months after arrival; Six Companies at San Francisco. Now that the men would not have to enter into an institution of that importance must contracts at Honolulu, and that he would be presumed to possess a Secretary tee to petition the Governor on his behalf reasonable to expect that a communicato move His Excellency to allow the ship tion of such great moment should bear to proceed. On the day following, Mr Lee a seal or a signature of the head-men of Tuk Cheong and the charterer had an the Low Yu Tong. The letters were, more-His Excellency expressed a wish to see the respectable institution would think of send-Committee. So accordingly thirteen gen- ing to another respectable institution. As tlemen waited on His Excellency yesterday to the other two, one is supposed to have afternoon. At this interview the Committee | been written by one Lam Shan Uk, but saked if His Excellency would allow the who he is nobody knows; the other is to him to that effect after enquiries and sent could contradict the denial of the two discussion among themselves, he would intending emigrants. Of course they may then take the matter into consideration. be true, for aught we know; but there was He withed them particularly to ascertain no evidence before the meeting to confirm .. also whother they believed the letters make a report to him. The Committhen asked if the 28 men were left out, whether His Excellency would allow the \$35 men to proceed. His Excelmatter for consideration. The Committee asked that in case of security being given by the charterer, what sort of security

lency's wish, the Committee thought it advisable to convene a public meeting of the whole Chinese Community to discuss the matter to-day. The first thing they should do now was to give an opinion on the character of the letters which would be read and then exhibited for scrutiny. After that the speaker would propose that a ballot of those present should be taken; those who believed the letters to be genuine would put their votes into one box, and those who disbelieved them into another. When that was done, they would discuss the form of security, and the Committee would afterwards draw up a report to the Governor. The Secretary to the Hospital then read the four letters, which were pasted out on

The Spokesman next put it to the meeting whether any one had any objection to a ballot being taken on the letters.

Two or three members here spoke at once, and one was heard to say that any one hearing the letters would be moved by the sad statements given therein, and allow himself to be carried away by sentiment to a trial trip this morning and returned ballot in favour of them without taking the trouble to ascertain whether they were genuine or not. He thought a ballot like this was no criterion.

No one, however, actually opposed the ballot, and it was proceeded with. The result was, all those who voted were in favour of the letters, some declining to vote on either side, but none against them. While the ballot was being taken a great deal of conversation took place among those present on the subject of emigration to Honolulu, some for and some against it.

The security question was then discussed in the midst of the general conversation. The charterer's agents, the Kwong Sang Tai Hong, were willing to pledge that the \$8 men would be landed free men at Honolulu, be extended to such time as they should be Mr Wong Kwan Tong acted as spokes. | able to pay, and the charterer on no account man and opened the meeting by stating would bring pressure to hear on the men by that last Sunday there was a meeting in | suing them; that the charterer should not reference to the emigration to Honolulu. force the men to enter into contracts with It appeared that four letters had been sent | himself or any other person against their to this Hospital by Chinese in Flonolulu, will; and that the security could be only intimating that all the horrors of coolie released on the receipt of authentic informaslavery were existing there. The letters tion that these conditions had been com-

The above is an outline of the business afloat that emigration to the Sandwich transacted at this meeting, in the course Islands was being carried on here. These of which several of the intending emigrants reached the ears of the Government, and expressed a decided wish to go, notwiththe Hon. C. C. Smith, Registrar General, standing the allegations in the letters cent Lai Shik Kai (the kidnapping detec- which they had heard read, while the tive) to the Hospital to fetch those letters, majority said nothing, and none of the and they were forwarded on to H.E. the emigrants manifested any disinclination to Governor, who refused to allow the Charter | go. Two of them said they had come back Oak to proceed, as there were circumstances from Honolulu and were going there which seemed to him to be suspicious. The again. There was no such ill-treatment as intending passengers paid some \$35, and that asserted in the letters, at least during others \$8 each as passage money, while | the time they were there, and some of the their tickets stated the sum to be \$45. \$8 men said they were willing to go and As to the \$8 men, they actually paid | would pay back the \$45 when they received

The letters, as we have said before, are them, and measures ought to have been taken to verify them.

> Police Intelligence. (Both Magistrates Sitting.) Jan. 18, 1877.

STEALING FOWLS. To Aku, a coolie, was sent to two months hard labour for stealing a fowl.

UNLAWFUL PUSSESSION. Edward Jennett, a seaman residing at the latters. Now in pursuance of His Excel. he only picked it up to look at it, and then

defendant wanted 30 cents to give it back. Mr May fined him 10 shillings, or ten days' imprisonment, for the unlawful possession of the pipe.

A FALSE CHARGE.

Wong Asang, a gardener, was charged as Lai Kayon, described as a cook at the On Kee Boarding House, stated that he had been tied up all night in a matshed and robbed of a bangle, \$4 in money, and a jacket by the defendant and several other The charge was proved to be unfounded, and Inspector Cameron gave defendant an excellent character. Russell accordingly dismissed the case.

LARCENY FROM THE PERSON. Lan Akwong, a cook, was sent to six months' hard labour for stealing a silver ear-pick from the person of a girl in the public street.

MORE LARCENY. Shum Yun Chenng, a hawker, was sent to six months' hard labour for stealing three quilts from a dwelling-house. He admitted the offence.

STILL MORE. Chan Ayan, a hawker, was sent to months' hard labour for stealing a pipe.

A COOK IN TROUBLE. Wong Asing, a cook unemployed, was sent to 3 months' hard labour for entering a dwelling-house for an unlawful purpose.

THE \$500 ROBBERY. Wong A-I; a hawker, and Pun A King, married woman, were charged by Inspector Lindsay with being concerned in the robbery of \$500, the property of Father Vigano. Inspector Lindsay said that he had a warrant to search the 1st floor of No. 42, East Street. He went there about 2 o'clock yesterday and searched the room, and the prisoners were apprehended in the room. He told defendants he had a warrant to search the room for money stolen from Father Vigano, and the 1st defendant said he knew nothing about it. The Inspector searched the room in company with Chinese constable Pang A-hoi (No. 199). The first defendant was seen to drop something behind him which proved to be a piece of Chinese paper relating to a quantity of clothing. The paper was warm, as if it had been in some one's mouth. A match-box was found in a drawer in a table and a one hundred dollar note, of the Chartered Mercantile Bank, No. 6798, was found. A number of pawn-tickets were likewise found. Defendant had only been living in the house five days. The amount of money reported to have been stolen was \$500 in one hundred - dollar notes, and the note found in defend-

ant's room was one of them. Bernard Vigano, sworn, stated that he was clergyman and lived at Wanchai. On the 9th Sept. last, he lost a quantity of jewellery from his house, and subsequently recovered some of it, and on the 12th Sept. he lost five \$100 notes. He reported the matter to the Police, and furnished them with the numbers of the notes. He believed that four notes had been recovered at Nam Tau. He did not know the defendants. He suspected that the notes were stolen by a boy who is in custody at Nam Tau. The boy was a reformatory

box and lived with witness. Mr Russell remanded the case till tomorrow.

Japan.

land was very disorderly.

accept the inevitable, and to provide for a portion of the excessive expenses of the Satsuma civil war by the issue of a new supply of paper money. It is difficult to imagine how they could have done otherwise without resorting to the expedient of a foreign loan. The reason and the method of the fresh issue are thus explained by the Prime Minister in a notification dated the 27th December, 1877.

"Notification No. 87.

"Owing to the expense of the expedition against the insurgents of the Kiushiu Chiho, the revenue of the current year will be insufficient to meet the expenditure. Therefore, of the paper money which was kept in reserve to exchange against torn notes, 27,000,000 yen have been thrown into circulation.

"In consequence of this issue the sum of upwards of 27,100,000 yen in paper money now in circulation in the form of satsu of 50, 20, and 10 sen notes respectively, will be redeemed with silver and copper currency in the fifteen years between the 11th and 25th of Meiji (1878 to 1892 inclusive). On the notes being withdrawn from circulation they will be out up, and a record kept of their destruction.

"The sum of 27,000,000 yen paper money, newly issued, will thus be redeemed within fifteen years. But those who may desire to exchange their paper money for Government bonds will, on application, be allowed to do so, in accordance with the terms of notification No. 121 of the sixth year of Meiji; and the Government will pay interest on the bonds at the rate of six per cent per annum. The money thus received into the Treasury will be out up, and the amount in each case will be re-

"SANJO SANEYOSHI, Laijo Daijin."

DIARY OF THE WAR.

(Compiled from the Daily Papers.)

Friday, Nov. 80 .- The war news of today has greatly lessened. The Turks have published a report respecting the recent fighting on the Lom, in the course of which

paid them a war indemnity. state that their rations were reduced to three hear, that it was a great shame, and a great sunces of bread per day, and that hunger importances, for any one to take her seat,

repulsed the enemy with a loss of 500 killed.

A Turkish shot has caused the explosion of a Russian powder-store in a Russian battery at Giurgeve. Slatitza had been occupied by from his seat, and appealed to the authorities the Russians. Mehemet Ali is stated to hold in the centre of the room. However, they very strong positions. It is expected that | could not have given him much encouragethe Russians will attack the western defiles | ment in his attempt to maintain order, for | forming, in fact, a short out to knowledge of the Balkans. The Servian Government he returned crestfallen to his seat, and the have resolved to convoke a meeting of the old lady was left a noisy victor on the battle-Skuptschina at Kragujevatz for this day field. fortnight, and submit to it the Budget and the Convention to be concluded with Russia. the heights of Khatzubani, that position was by asphyxia is apprehended. The Vatican at once attacked and captured by the Rus- hopes to hold a Consistory on an earlier day | Canon, commonly known as Dhammapada, sians, who can now bombard the fortress | than that appointed, by conveying the Pope | with accompanying narratives."

The Russian advance in Western Bulgaria pillows. The patient is disturbed by gloomy deacon Gray entitled "History of the Laws, is rapidly progressing, and the passes be- forebodings. There is thought to be no Manners and Customs of the People in tween the Orkhanie and Trojan defiles are hope of his recovery." threatened by considerable forces. The It appears to be by no means unlikely town of Orkhanie has been abandoned by that the celebrated Krupp gun, with which the Turks, who now occupy a fortified posi- the whole of the German artillery is at tion in the pass to the south of that town. present armed, will be superseded, if not A Bucharest telegram states that deserters | immediately, at all events before very long,

have taken such steps as will establish a arrangements will be made to allow a larger permanent contact with their own forces at | charge of powder to be used. In well-Wratza and with the Roumanian detach- Informed circles the construction of these ment at Lom Palanka. A Russian official guns is looked upon as the first step todespatch says that the Turks have evacuated | wards the complete substitution of bronsethe strongly fortified position which they steel for steel ordnance in the German army. held near Wretchish and Luctakovo, and Meanwhile, exceedingly satisfactory experihave withdrawn along two roads in the ments have been made on the range at direction of Sofia, whither the Russians are Steinfeld, near Vienna, with two recently pursuing them. The Egyptian contingent constructed fifteen centimetre bronze-steel is to be largely reinforced. From Shumla guns. The Austrian Minister of War, the the Daily Telegraph correspondent, tele- President of the Technical Committee, Gegraphing on Sunday night, reports that no neral Uchatius, and a large number of official news had been received there since artillery officers, were present on the Thursday last. Great anxiety was being occasion, and excellent practice was made felt, and there was a belief that important with the new weapons at the 2,000 metres movements were imminent, if they were not | range. then actually taking place. From a reliable The daring of the North Country characprivate source he learned that on Friday the ter is well known, but who would believe freights, but rates are almost nominal. Russians in the direction of Tirnova. A the man required to perform the feat itali-

the southern outlet of the Orkhanie defile, To a suitable party a very liberal salary from Constantinople of a later date reports | journal published at Moscow:-The Chinese Officers and sailor of the regards the result of the second day's Sea must be exclusively hers. Turkey can Rice, the bulk of the crop not being ready \$21.50 per picul, packed. Hoi-an do not appear to have very favour. And fighting. It is reported that Suleiman only be allowed to remain there as a guest. for shipment for another month. For Sundries.—Fire Crackers, 70 a 75 cents ably impressed the natives, though they Pacha has fought an important battle, it is She cannot have the right to keep a fleet in Bangkok there is still nothing doing. per box, for Gowqua's No. 1, gold chop. and impressed the natives, though they supposed, on the Osman Bazar and Tirnova a sea which must be ours, nor the power of may have astonished them a little. The supposed, on the Osman Bazar and Tirnova a sea which must be ours, nor the power of may have astonished them a little. The supposed, on the Osman Bazar and Tirnova a sea which must be ours, nor the power of Hochi Shinbun speaks with contempt of road, but no particulars have been received sending a fleet into that sea. The Porte their meanness in buying small quantities of the operations. A despatch received from must give up the right of possessing forof ginseng ashore and smuggling it on board, the Russian head-quarters, dated December tresses at Varna and Sinope, as well as bury, 1075 tons; The Sir Jamsetjee Family, ward; Red Check, 4/4, or generally assure and single on their persons, to evade the 3, confines itself to the difficulties met with along the whole coast of the Black Sea. If 1049 tons; and Birker, 1008 tons. The 144 cents, 6/4, 174 cents; Double Extra payment of duty. The same paper says by the Russian forces on the mountains, the Black Sea must be Russian, the Straits British brig Kvik, 187 tons, left for Amoy Imperial, white 4/4, 14½ cents, 5/4, 17 cents, payment of ducy. The same paper sage | caused by their great height and the in- also must be Russian. The country abutting | seeking," and the German bergue Emma, 6/4, 20 cents; Red Check, 4/4, 16 cents, | The Government have been compelled to reported to have occupied a position at an permanently occupied—and Turkey possibly ginal cargo from Macassar. The German Cargo Ginger, new, in syrup (Chyloong)

> to the next campaign if he should again go Black Sea. If we do not possess this right Thursday, Dec. 6.—The Russians have pursue them until he had planted some | tions Russia could possess in the East. artillery on the surrounding heights. Hussein Pacha, however, sent forward his brigade, and compelled the Russians to fall back on their third line of defence. Great importance is attached in Constantinople to this victory, and the capture of Tirnova is now looked forward to. Mehemet Ali telegraphs that he has advanced beyond means of steam ferries across the Danube. | tary) of Sze Ma-te'in's history. In a telegram of Monday's date from the Imperial Russian Headquarters at Bogot, it | preparation of a work (in French) intended is stated that the Russian troops captured at Orkhanie and Wretschick an immense Chinese Natural History. quantity of provisions, weapons, partridges, warm winter clothing, and a large stock of oats and barley, also a whole pontoon park

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and five iron pontoons with all their fittings.

It is mentioned that the heavy fire of the Attgean stable of disorder and abuses. The Russians caused ravages in the Turkish other day a friend of ours witnessed a scene lines. The Turks foiled an attempt of in the reading-room which would hardly as Chiung will see at once on what page i the Russians to send reinforcements across | have been endured at a costers' club. An the Danube. According to a Vienna news. elderly lady who condescended to make her paper, the Russian people desire only the first appearance about two p.m. found "her acquisition of Batoum, and they consider seat" occupied by a gentleman student, who that only a temporary occupation of Ar- no doubt never heard of any rule or undermenia will be necessary until Turkey has standing by which seats which are supposed to be free to all are yet to be retained for Saturday, Dec. 1 .- The telegrams from certain personages. As the student did not Bervice; now passing through the press in been willing to accept lower rates in order the Bussian head-quarters assert that there rise and decamp immediately, the old lady tre hundreds of deserters from Plevna, who declared, in a voice loud enough for all to Reference, on subjects connected with the the Native year. Purchases have been

carried it out to try and smoke it. The caused them to desert. A Russian official | which she had occupied for five years, and | etc, in common use among residents in despatch of the 29th states that no important in which she had written six-and-fifty, or China, Japan, and the Straits' Settlements, fighting has taken place between the Lom some such number of stories. The student each accompanied by a brief explanation, and Jantra since the 26th. Ibraham Bey, ultimately retired in defeat; but the old historical or etymological as the case may however, has telegraphed to the Seraskierate lady continued to anney the room with her be. To take a few consecutive examples, at Constantinople that he has repulsed three speech till called to order by an old gentle. we have vigorous attacks made by the Russians on man who had suffered much from the the Yildiz redoubt, and that he subsequently | interruption. The old lady immediately broke in a metallic laugh of scorn at the "ridiculous old man" who dared to cross her path. At this, the old gentleman rose

> A telegram, dated Dec. 4th, mays: "The Pope had a restless night on the 3rd, with Monday, Dec. 3.—Dervisch Pacha com- | great difficulty of breathing. Next mornmanding at Batoum, having withdrawn the ing he made constant and painful efforts to greater part of his troops who had occupied | relieve the lungs, but without effect. Death | and town with fatal effect. The Turkish to the reception-room in a recumbent MacMillan & Co. have announced, as in the occupation of Batoum thus draws to an end. position on a wheeled bed bolstered with

> from Plevna have informed the Russians by another weapon. Experiments have, it that it is Ghazi Osman's intention to break is well known, been lately made in the through their lines within a fortnight, foundry at Spand w with bronze-steel, preunless succour reaches him before that time. pared by the Uchatius method, and these Mehemet Ali Pacha reports that the Russians | have been so successful that, according to were repulsed in an attack which they made | the Berlin correspondent of an Austrian on the 29th ult. on a fortified position in the military paper, the inspector-general of the Balkans beyond Etropol. The engagement German artillery has definitely decided to lasted for four hours. After enduring a adopt it as a material for the manufacture bombardment for six days the Turks have of ordnance; and, in the first instance, has evacuated Lom Palanka and retired to ordered several siege gans to be made of the Widdin. An attempt, according to a tele- new compound, the secret of the preparation | night, and the day's rates are given at \$600 gram of Saturday's date from Cattaro, has of which appears to be now very generally for Patna, and \$5721 a \$575 for Benares. been made by three Turkish ships of war to known. The guns which are to be thus land troops off Antivari, but was foiled by a | manufactured are to have a calibre of twelve vigorous fire from the Montenegrin batteries. | centimetres, but will be superior to the Tuesday, Dec. 4 .-- At Plevna the Russians | Austrian pleces with the same bore,

Turks inflicted a great defeat upon the that even the stern North could produce telegram from Constantinople denies that the class in this advertisement from the Hud. on secret terms, but the freights are under-Russians have captured a fort near Batoum. | deresteld Daily Advertiser :- "Wanted, for | stood to shew no improvement on late Wednesday, Dec. 5.—The left flank of the Sorting-room of a Rag Warehouse, an | charters. For London the rate may be Mehemet Ali Pacha's forces beyond Sofia active MAN, with a thorough practical quoted about £1 5s. per ton of 50 feet, for was attacked by a considerable Russian force | knowledge of cotton and woollen rags, and | New York about \$5 gold per ton of 40 feet, on Monday, while his right at Kamarli, near | capable of managing about eighty women. | and from Manila to United Kingdom £2

and resulted in the repulse of the Russians cipal points of an article which appeared in

credited by a private letter which has these objects be attained? To effect them from home. reached Bucharest; the writer says he has Russia should also possess garrisons and recently seen there several thousands of fortresses on the coast, and anchorage for to 58 vesseis, registering 29,991 tons. cattle, and the deserters, who were warmly ships of war in the Bosphorus, or the right clad, admit that there was plenty of fuel. of occupying the capital when any armed The Roumanians are advancing their works | vessel approaches the Dardanelles, as well towards the Grivitza redoubt, and another as of prohibiting the entrance of any foreign attack on that place is expected. Prince | (armed) vessel into the Bosphorus. Milan has addressed some of his troops who | must have the right of sending our ships of were starting for the frontier, and told them | war into the Mediterranean. This is the there was a certain prospect of a better issue | necessary sequel to our possession of the

the Black Sea will not be wholly ours. As to Mesopotamia, the same journal resustained a severe defeat at Elena, for that marks that as long as that key of the old place, together with Mariani, has been taken | world is not in strong hands, England will and occupied by the Turks, who have always find an excuse to seize it. If Mescaptured three hundred prisoners, besides a opotamia be divided between Turkey, very large quantity of ammunition. The Russia, and Persia, so that Turkey shall Russian losses are stated to have been very | be isolated from the Persian Gulf, it will heavy. Suleiman Pacha, in his telegram to | be a second loss of the United States of the Porte, reports that the Russians were America to England. The possession of compelled to withdraw to their second line | Mesopotamia by Russia will kill the worm of defence, but that his infantry could not | England which destroys the communica-

LITERARY INTELLIGENCE. China Review.

The Rev. Mr Faber, who has just published, in German, an exposition of the doctrines of Mencius and Min-teze and sians hope that in a few days their new ancient literature of China down to 250 B.C. railways will be in complete working order, His colleague, Rev. W. Dilthey, is working and intend to establish communications by at a translation of the text (and commen-

Dr. Geerts, in Japan, is engaged in th to be an encyclopedia of Japanese and Students of the mandarin dielect, who

have learnt only the orthography of Sir Thomas Wade, and consequently find Dr Williams' dictionary so difficult to syllabically, will be gratified to hear that a key to the above-mentioned dictionary is now in course of preparation, by which it will be easy to find any character according The British Museum is fast becoming an to Wade's spelling. Thus, a beginner who Williams that character occurs; whereas, he would otherwise have been wasting his time in looking through Williams' Ch'ang, transactions are reported. and be ultimately forced to hunt up the

word in the radical index at the end. We have been permitted to glance at a

Golden Lilies Gingall Gon-tenii Gioro Grand Canal Ginseng " Do. Examiner Girdles Do. Secretary Go-bang Grass Character Godown Grass Cloth

on Far-Eastern subjects generally, likely to be welcomed by many who have neither the opportunity nor the books at their command for acquiring more extended information.

Professor Beal in London is preparing for the press a translation from the Chinese which will be published under the title "Scriptural Texts from the Buddhist press, a new work by the Venerable Arch-

COMMERCIAL.

There has been no change in the position | transpired. of the market for Bengal Opium since last ly fluctuated, and latterly have kept steady with more disposition on the part of the na- | bales of inferior sorts. tive dealers to operate, in view perhaps of the approaching cessation of communication by native crafts with the interior for the native New Year holidays. A very fair amount of business has been consequently done in both descriptions during the fort-

The receipts for the month, so far, aggregate 3,277 chests, against 2,575 chests to the corresponding date last year. During the interval under notice some 700 chests have been taken by the local consumers. against 650 chests at the corresponding period last year. This, with the exportations, leaves a stock computed at 3,600 chests, against 2,800 chests same time last year. Of this last quantity 600 chests were Benares, of which kind the present stock comprises 1,100 chests.

Messes. Heinemann & Co.'s Freight Circular for the Mail of Thursday, 17th January, says !--

The slight improvement in demand for tonnage noticed in last Circular has fallen off, and little business has been done during the fortnight either homewards or coastwise. There is no change to notice in

Homewards, a few settlements are reported from this port to London and New York per ton Sugar and £3 per ton Hemp, to

told by the deserters from Plevna are dis- must approach this territory. How can to the Burmah Rice Ports under orders per box of 6 jars. The drengaged tonnage in port amounts

> The following are the settlements:-British ship Broomha", 1379, hence London, private.

British barque Amie Florence, 657, hence to New York, private. American barque B. F. Watson, 993, hence to New York, private. British barque I dy Bowen, 892, hence to Portland, Oregon, private.

Norwegian barque Vega, 585, Manila to Channel for orders to discharge in a Port in the United Kingdom or on the Continent, private. French barque Charles Maureau, 868, Whampos to Tientsin and back to Hong-

kong via Newchwang, 45 cents per picul, 36 lay days. German barque Formosa, 282, Whampoa to Tientsin and back to Hongkong via Newshwang, 50 cents per picul, 36 lay

German barque Vesta, 802, Whampon to Tientsin and back to Hongkong via Newchwang, 50 cents per picul, 36 lay days. German barque Hieronymus, 425, Keelung to Hongkong, \$1.45 per ton of 20 cwt. 15 lay days.

German 8-mi sted schooner Peter, 811,

Taiwanfoo to Chefoo and thence to Amoy,

28 cents per picul, if to Swatow, 81 cents Kamarli, but for the present bad weather translation of the works of Lieh-tsze, is per picul, 35 lay days.

prevents a general engagement. The Rus- preparing a systematic analysis of all the British barque Orion, 810, Hangkok to but it was a long time before he mustered British barque Orion, 810, Hangkok to but it was a long time before he mustered

cents per picul, 32 lay days. British barque W. E. Gladstone, 584,

full, 80 lay days. British steamer Tintows Abbey, 786, hence to Saigon and back, \$4,000 in full, British steamer Radnorshire, 1201, Sai-

gon to Hongkong, 16 cents per vicul, 18 British barque Alexandra, 407, Monthly Charter, 3 to 5 months, \$1,150 per month.

MESSES DEACON & Co.'s Canton Market Report, dated Canton, 15th Jan., says !-Our Tea market has been very quiet during the past fortnight, and only small Congolis.—There have been no settle-

ments. Scented Teas. - A few proces have found new work by Mr Giles of H. M's. Consular buyers, teamen having, in some instances, Hongkong, It is entitled "A Glossary of to clear off their stock before the close of For East," and is an alphabetically-arranged confined to Capers, and of these, medition list of all kinds of terms, titles, physics sie. I inde have been bought at a suclide of

about one tael; one parcel of good common has been taken at Tle. 11 per picul, showing a fall of a tael and a half on previous rates. Settlements amount to 7,200 boxes Scented Caper at Tls. 11 a 18 per picul.

Export of the various descriptions of Teas shipped from Canton Waters, (Hongkong, Canton and Macao) to Great Britain to date:-Dec. 27, S. S. Orestes, Congou 67,541 lbs., S. Caper 109,053 lbs., S. O. Pekoe 720 lbs., Sorts 990 lbs., total 178,304 1bs.; Jan. 3, S. S. Teheran, Congon 40,447 lbs., S. Caper 148,517 lbs., S. O. Pekos 76,586 lbs., total 265,550 lbs.; and S. S. Menclaus, Congou 65,825 lbs., S. Caper 175,372 lbs., S. O. Pekoe 10,600 lbs., total 251,797 lbs.-Making, with previous shipments, a total for the season of 19,833,311 lbs. (including 192,649 lbs. lost in Meikong) against 17,441,238 for season 1876-77.

TARK.—A moderate business has been transacted during the part two weeks; previous to the departure of the French mail of 10th instant about 115 bales found buyers, but since then there has been little demand, and settlements for the fortnight are not estimated at more than 165 bales Tsatlee. Prices have been steady throughout, and our closing quotations show but little change from those of our last printed

Long-reels.—The business in these has Gold Leaf, again been small, and only 10 piculs are said to have changed hands. Re-reels.—There has been some little Discount,

enquiry, but no transactions have as yet Stock in Canton is estimated at 250 bales notice. The rates for both kinds but slight. Teatlee, 50 bales Kowkong, 100 bales Cumchuck and Lucklow, and 150 to 200

> Waste.—Prices are unchanged; there now no No. 1 of good quality on offer. Export of Silk. - Export to date: -To London, 4,783 bales; to Continent, 6,602 bales; to America, 3,682 boxes; to Bombay, 2,890 piculs;—total, 11,385 bales, 3,682 boxes, and 2,390 piculs. Of Waste, 5,080 Pierced Cocoons, 1,165 bales for

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Cocoons Pierced,...., 2, \$ 68 BETTLEMENTS FOR THE FORTNIGHT. 1877-78. 1876-77. _ For Europe, United States. &c., Re-reels,.. n bxr.

Bombay,..... DRUGS AND SPICES .- Cassia Lignea, In quoted for Loting \$9.50 a 9.60 in mats, \$9.75 was subjected to a furious cannonade. The will be given." And so there ought to be. New York \$8 per ton Sugar and \$7 Hemp a 9.85 in boxes, for Tai Wo \$9.60 a 9.70 in 10, David, battle continued throughout the whole day, The following translation gives the prin- for mixed cargoes, with hardly any demand. mats, \$9.95 a \$10 in boxes. Sales 3,000 Coastwise, chartering for Tients'n bas piculs. Stock 6,000 piculs. Cassia Buds, with considerable losses. Another telegrem a late number of the Sovremenoi Isvesti, a begun, but the freights paid are very low, \$14 a \$14.20 per picul. Sales 400 piculs. and, sultable tonnage being plential, are Stock 100 picus. Star Aniseed, \$25 a \$26. 18, Henry Lippett, that Mehemet Ali assumed the offensive on It is necessary (says the writer) for Russia not likely to improve at present. For Sai- Rhubarb, No. 2, \$40 a \$45. Alum, \$1.80 July Tuesday, but nothing definite was known as to possess the Turkish fleet; and the Black | gon steamers are not yet wanted to load | a \$1.85 per picul. Camphor, \$20,50 a | 2, Northampton,

element weather. General Dandeville is upon the Straits will be ours—perhaps not 338 tons, for the same port with her ori. 5/4, 18½ cents, 6/4, 21½ cents per yard. elevation of 3,400 feet. The tales recently may be allowed to hold it, but no war vessels ship R. C. Rickmers, 1167 tons, will proceed \$3.70; Mandariv, \$4.30, Young Stem, \$5.80,

LEAD.-A further decline has taken pl. and mixed brands r e now quoted \$7.17 a \$7.20 per picul, and Hole chop and Hole chop and W.B. \$7.25 a \$7.30 per

QUICKSILVER is quoted \$63 a \$64 per GINSENG.—Unchanged.

The rate of Freight to London, per steamer is £2.12/, and per sailing vessel, £2 per ton of 40 and 50 oubic feet respectively. The rate of Freight to New York, per steamer, is £3.17/.and per sailing vessel, £1.10/ a £1.15/ per ton of 40 cubic fest. LOADING AND ON THE BERTH. -At Wham-

poa.-For London and New York.-None. At Hongkong.-For London.-Oneida. Patroclus, str., Broomhall, Achilles, str. For New York,-Morro Castle, (cleared). | 20 Marion, B. F. Watson. For San Francisco.—Cilumum.

DEPARTURES. - From Whampon .- For | Nov. London and New York.-None. From Hongkong .- For London .- Mene-

laus, str., Kate Carnie. For New York .- T. A. Goddard, Colorado. For San Francisco.—None.

SHE had often noticed him looking in at the window of her little dry goods store, Hongkong (inside the Bar), 22 cents per up courage to come in. At last one day he picul, (outside the Bar), 17 cents per picul, put his head in at the door and, blushing or Pechu Pari to Hongkong (Salt), 18 up his eyes, stammere out, "How m-mmuch is that stuff ro nd your neck worth by the yard ?" "If you allude to my Mar. Mantong to Hongkong (Salt), \$2,000 in ruffing, it is worth seventy-five cents," she 28, C. F., replied. "May I feel it and see if it is soft, supposing I take a yard " he blurted out. A responsive nod encouraged him, and he came right up to the counter and timidly reached out his hand to the fair young throat. "I knew your neck didn't measure more than fourteen inches," he Nov. whined, "but I'm willing to pay five] dollars for that 'ere little frill; I can see it's dirty, and it won't wesh-but what's that to a heart that's bleeding ?" His agony touched that tender breast, and there was almost a tear in her sye as she took off the tiny, wavy frlil, scooped in his five-dollar piece, gazed sorrowfully into his face and murmured : "Go, young gentleman, go ! My old man's waiting inside for Sir Harry Parkes. his dinner, and my three big brothers are looking at you from the b.ok room." A. sickly looking youth might have been seen trying to beat Goldsmith Maid's time down

the street, just then, but he travelled too

fast for the bystanders to discorn whether

the motto on that dirty piece of ruffling

Was "Excelsion" or note

Quotations. Honekone, January 16, 1878. OPIUM.—New Patna, cash....\$605

Old Patns, cash,... None New Beneres, cash, 575 Old Benares, cash, None New Malwa, cash, Taels, --Allowance Old Malwa. oazh, credit, 700 Allowance Taels, -

Exchange. Bank, on demand, 3/102 30 days' sight, ... 3/11 6 months' sight, ... 8/114 Documentary, 6months' sight, 3/112 a Bombay, demand Rupees, ... Calcutta.

Shanghal, demand, Bar Silver, 17, dwts. B., English Sovereigns, Australian Sovereigns.

Hongkong Bank, 59 % prem. Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,100 China Traders' Ins. Co., \$3,000 Chinese Insurance Co., \$260 Yangtare Ins. Assoc., Tls. 610, or div. North China Ins. Co., Tls. 860 H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$685 China Fire Ins. Co., \$175 H.K. & W. Dock Co., 7 % dis. H.K. O. & M. S.-boat Co., 18 % dis. Shanghai Steam Navigation, Tls. 26 Hongkong Gas Co., \$75 Hongkong Hotel Co., 45? Chinese Imperial Loan, £104 ex. 4/11 1877, £102 ex. 4/

Shares.

Temperature. (Taken at Mesers Falconer & Co.'s Premises

Queen's Road.)	
Rosenone, January 16,	1878.
BAROMETER- 9 A.M	80.400
Do. 1 P.M	80.880
Do. 4 P.M	30.840
THERMOMETER-9 A.M	51
Do. 1 P.M	55
Do. 4 P.M ats	. 54 , € 55
Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M.	50
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Shipping Intelligence. The following is corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers :-

VESSELS TO ARRIVE. AT HONGKONG, When left. Name. Antwerp Cardiff 12. Chandos. Melbournt Cardiff Cardiff New York 19. Felix Mendelssohn. London Liverpool Hamburg Flushing Roads

New York Humbolt. Flushing Roads Hecla. Cardiff Cardiff 10. River Lagan, Newport 15. G. F. Muntz. Liverpool 18. Wildwood, Cardiff 20. River Lagan, 21, P. J. Carleton, Liverpool 22. Harkaway, London 23. Victoria (s.), Liverpool Hamburg 23. Fidelio. Penarth 25. Maria Ravano. Cardiff 30, Peter, 2. Anna Bertha. Cuzhaven Cardiff 8. Forest Belle, Newport 4. Empire. Penarth Elcano. Penarth Kaiser. London 3. Minerya (s.). Cardiff Hamburg 19. Oscar. San Francisco Benedicta,

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28, Lorne (s.), Flushing Glengaber. Liverpool 1, Nestor (c.), Bamburg

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Cardiff

Ai London .- Steamers via Buen Canal. Glamis Castle.

Ai Glasgow,



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Bingapore, Penang, Point de Galle, Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi, Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean Ports, Southampton, and London.

A150. Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, and Australia.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship GEELONG, Captain France, will leave this on THURSDAY, the 17th January, at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to A. LIND, Superintendent. Hongkong, January 7, 1878.

U. S. MAIL LINE. PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

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THE U.S. Mail Steamer CITY Of PEKING will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on SATUR-DAY, the 19th January, at Noon, taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Forts, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

England, France, and Germany by all trans. Atlantic lines of Steamers. A REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER CENT on regular rates is granted to OFFICERS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY. AND MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AND [62] CONSULAR SERVICES IN COMMIS-

Through Passage Tickets granted

Bion. Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m., 18th January. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Offices in Scaled Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco. For further information as to Pesuage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 9, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents. Hongkong, December 81, 1877.

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, ZRY RTIT ROLFDERKOD MI

CENTRAL UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES

ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "OCEANIC" will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohams, on FRIDAY, the 1st February, at Sp.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for the above mentioned Ports.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai. Breight will be received on Board until p.m. of the 31st January. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day: all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value

of same is required. A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-SAGE TIORETS.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 87, Queen's Road Central. G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, January 4, 1878,

THE CHINESE MAIL.

FERMS OF ADVERTISING IN THE Chinese Mail.

TWO cents a character for the first 100 characters, and one cent a character beyond the first 100, for first insertion, and half price for repetitions during the first week. Subsequent weeks' insertions will be charged only one half the amount of the first week's charge. Advertisements for half a year and longer will be allowed a deduction of 25 per cent on the total amount, and contracts for more favourable terms

our be made.

Agents for circulating the Chinese Mail in all the ports and in the interior of China, all the ports in Japan, in Salgon, Singapore, Penang, Calcutta, Batavia, Manila, the Phillippines, Australia, San Francisco, Peru and other places which Chinese frequent. When the list of Agencies is completed, it will be published. Agents have been already established in most of the above blaces, and in important ports more than places, and in important ports more than one agent has been appointed at each.

OHUN AYIN, Manager.

Mongkong, Pobrusty 23, 1674.

intimations.

W. BALL, CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDL. CINES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG, Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf. Hongkong, July 13, 1876.

IN THE GOODS OF GEORGE UNDERHILL SANDS, Deceased.

NTOTICE is hereby given that all Creditors and other Persons, having any OLAIMS or DEMANDS upon or against the Estate of GEORGE UNDERHILL SANDS, late of Victoria, Hongkong, Patent Slip Proprietor and Ship-builder, who died at Victoria aforesaid on the 30th day of October, 1877, and whose Will was duly proved, Probate whereof was granted to WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, of Victoria aforesaid, Esquire, the Executor therein named by the Supreme Court of Hongkong, in its Probate Jurisdiction on the 8th day of November, 1877, are hereby required to send, in writing, the particulars of their Claims or Demands to the said WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES at his address aforesaid, or to the Undersigned WILLIAM HENRY BREEZON, the Solicitor of the said WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES, at the office of the said WM. HENRY BREBETON, 29, Queen's Road, Hongkong, on or before the 1st day of May, 1878.

And notice is hereby given that at the expiration of the last mentioned day, the said WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES will proceed to distribute the assets of the said GEORGE UNDERHILL SANDS amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard to the Claims of which the said WILLIAM HOWELL FORDER shall then have had notice; and that the said WILLIAM HOWELL FORES will not be liable for the assets, or any part thereof, so distributed, to any person of whose Claim the said WILLIAM HOWELL Formes shall not have had notice at the time of the distribution.

Dated this 1st day of January, 1878. WM. H. BRERETON, Solicitor for the said WILLIAM HOWELL FORBES.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

SECOND RETURN of CAPITAL at the Rate of FIVE TAELS per SHARE will be made to Shareholders of record on the 1st October, Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on the 8th Inst. Warrants will be delivered by the Undersigned to Shareholders or their lawful representatives on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company

By Order, RUSSELL & Co.

Liquidators. Shanghai, October 2, 1877.

insurances.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE-HONGKONG.

GENCIES at all the Treaty Posts of A China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang. Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at

> MO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES, JAS, B. COUGHTRIE.

Sceretary, Rongkong, November 1, 1871,

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,

(FIRE AND LIFE)

CAPITAL, TWO MILLIONS STRILLING,

FIGHE Undersigned are propared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Coals in Matsheds, on Goods on board Versels and on Hulls of Versels in Har. | FITHE Undersigned having been appointed bour, at the usual Terms and Conditions,

Proposals for Life Assurances will be recoived, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision. If required, protection will be granted on first cless Lives up to £1000 on a Single

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-Agents Hongkong & Canton

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867,

Policies against Fife to the extent of \$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local Pates, subject to \$1000. Discount of 20% on the Premia

NORTON & Co.

Insurances.

YANGTSZE INSURANCE ASSO-CIATION.

CAPITAL-Fully Paid-up.....Tls. 420,000 PERMANENT RESERVE..... SPECIAL RESERVE FUND......., 75,000 Total Capital and accumula- } Tls. 725,000 tions this date.....

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the Principal Ports in the East. TOLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the World, at current

Subject to a charge of 12 % for interest on Shareholders' Capita!, ALL THE PROFITS or the Underweiting Business will be annually distributed among all Contributors of Business in proportion to the premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co., Agente. Hongkong, October 1, 1877.

INSURANCE COMPANY. OHINESE (LIMITED.)

NOTICE,

TOLICIES granted at current rates or Marine Risks to all parts of the World. in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the nett amount of Premia contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserva Fund.

OLYPHANT & Co., General Agents, Hongkong, April 17, 1878.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY. THE Undersigned, Agents for the above A Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co., Agents, Royal Insurance Company. Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

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interporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament. ESTABLISHED 1809.

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to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

GILMAN & Co., Agents. Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

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Hongkong, August 23, 1877. THE LONDON ASSURANCE,

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His Majesty King George The Birst. 4. D. 1720.

Agents for the above corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows;-Marine Department. Policies at current rates payable either

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Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foodiow, Shanghai and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked h., near the Kowloong shore k., and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked c., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.

2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works. 3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office. 5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf. 6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard. 7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.

Amoy	aiphong at daylight K'loon Dock To-day
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Cassandra	at daylight
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Mon-of-war in Mongkong Harbour.

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